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BOX PATENT APPLICATION  
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Re: Application of Kazunori OZAWA  
SHEET CODER AND SHEET DECODER  
**Assignee: NEC CORPORATION**  
Our Ref. Q64424

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above including 40 sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, 5 sheets of informal drawings, and a copy of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney. The Assignment will be filed at a later date.

Assignment for published patent application is: **NEC CORPORATION**.

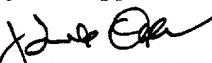
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<b>TOTAL FEE</b>								<b>\$1430.00</b>	

A check for the statutory filing fee of \$1430.00 is attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and any petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Priority is claimed from May 10, 2000 based on Japanese Application No. 137105/2000. The priority document will be filed at a later date.

Respectfully submitted,  
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